matter might be better understood by the Council and the ratepayers.

In amendment Ald. Hodgins moved that instead of the fifth clause the following be substituted:—That, subject to the foregoing clauses, the joint municipality shall acquire the joint assets at their actual cash value, and shall assume jointly in proportion to the amount of the assessment of property in London proper and London East, such amount of the debt of each municipality as may be equal to such actual value; but for five years from the date of amalgamation, the amount by which the respective debts shall exceed such actual value shall be borne respectively by each municipality according to such excess. After the expiration of the said five years, the joint municipality shall assume all indebtedness jointly as above mentioned. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

Yeas—Taylor, Green, O'Meara—3.

Nays—Christie, Hodgins, Scarrow, Stringer, Hook, Brown, Kingston, Watson—8.

The amendment of Ald. Hodgins was carried on the following division:—

Yeas—Taylor, Watson, Green, O'Meara, Scarrow, Hodgins—6.

Nays—Kingston, Brown, Hook, Stringer, Christie—5.

Clause 6 read and adopted.

Clauses 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 adopted.

Ald. Kingston then moved that clause 5 be reconsidered and remitted to the Joint Amalgamation Committee.

Ald. Christie seconded, and it was carried.

A DEPUTATION ON BRIDGES.

Ald. Taylor moved that the following be a Bridge Committee:—Ald. Christie, Hook, O'Meara, Hodgins, the Mayor and mover, to meet the County Council Committee at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Ald. O'Meara seconded.

In amendment, Ald. Scarrow moved that Alds. Taylor, Hodgins, Green, Watson, Hook, Christie, the Mayor and the mover be a committee to confer with the County Committeee on all matters relating to bridges. Ald. Stringer seconded.

The amendment was lost, and the original motion caried.

AWARDING TENDERS.

Ald. Scarrow reported that No. 3 Committee recommended the acceptance of two tenders for wood for the Hospital, Boag & Judd for 25 cords dry at $4.25—and Copeland for 25 cords green at the same price be accepted; also that they be empowered to ask for tenders for the supply of wood required for relief purposes for one year. On motion of Ald. Stringer, seconded by Ald. Taylor, the report was adopted, and the required permission granted.

The Council then adjourned till Monday evening.

Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 2nd, 1885.

An adjourned session of the City Council was held in the Council Chamber on the 2nd inst. Present—Mayor Becher (in the chair), Ald Watson, Taylor, Green, O'Meara, Brown, Hook, Stringer, Hodgins, Christie and Scarrow.

AMALGAMATION.

Ald. Kingston, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Amalgamation, reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have re-considered that portion of the basis of amalgamation referred to them, and recommend as follows:—

Clause 5—That the Joint Municipality shall assume the joint assets at their actual cash value, as decided by arbitration, but the amount of their respective debts over and above their assets shall be borne by each municipality so long as such excess exists, and in estimating the value of such assets, revenue that may in the opinion of the arbitrators be fairly capitalized shall be included.

Ald. Kingston stated that there had been some discussion upon this point, but that an agreement had been arrived at, and the Committee appeared to be unanimous on the whole basis of amalgamation as amended.

Ald. Kingston moved, seconded by Ald. Green, that the report be adopted.

Carried.

Ald. Kingston stated that there was a further resolution which the Committee would recommend. He moved:—That the City Solicitor be instructed, along with the Solicitor of London East, to draft the special act necessary to consummate the amalgamation of the municipalities, and that should the said solicitors fail to agree upon the terms of such act, they should be empowered to choose a third solicitor, and that should they not agree upon such third solicitor, that the County Judge be empowered to nominate him. Ald. Green seconded, and it was carried.

Ald Hodgins moved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Clerk of London East, with a request that their Council pass a similar motion. Ald. Watson seconded, and

Ald. Kingston moved that a copy of the basis of amalgamation as agreed on by this Council be forwarded to the Clerk of London East for the consideration of that Council. Ald. Browne seconded, and it carried

Council adjourned.